

Envisioning an East Bay Greenway

A Successful Model: The Ohlone Greenway & Trail

- Using the BART corridor as a right-of-way, this multi-use trail has served residents and visitors in Berkeley, Albany, and El Cerrito for close to 30 years.
- The trail provides a crucial link between jobs, housing, schools, recreational opportunities, and transit stations.
- The greenway offers a public health benefit by increasing opportunities to walk, bicycle, play tennis, basketball, and get outside.
- Other amenities include day-lighted creeks, community gardens, play structures for children, and community art.

The Vision: An East Bay Greenway

- Running 30 or so miles from I5th Avenue in Oakland southeast to Fremont, the BART elevated tracks have carved out a similar corridor - unfortunately, no amenities exist.
- Open space, recreational opportunities, and transportation choices in these adjacent communities - Oakland, San Leandro, unincorporated Ashland/Cherryland, Hayward, Union City, & Fremont - are severely limited.
- The resulting public health impacts on these predominately low-income and minority populations are significant, as rates of obesity, diabetes, and asthma continue to rise.
- Development & construction of an East Bay Greenway during the BART seismic retrofit project ("A" line completed by 2009-10) offers a timely opportunity to address community health and safety issues on a regional scale.



Existing Ohlone Greenway & Trail - Berkeley, Albany, & El Cerrito

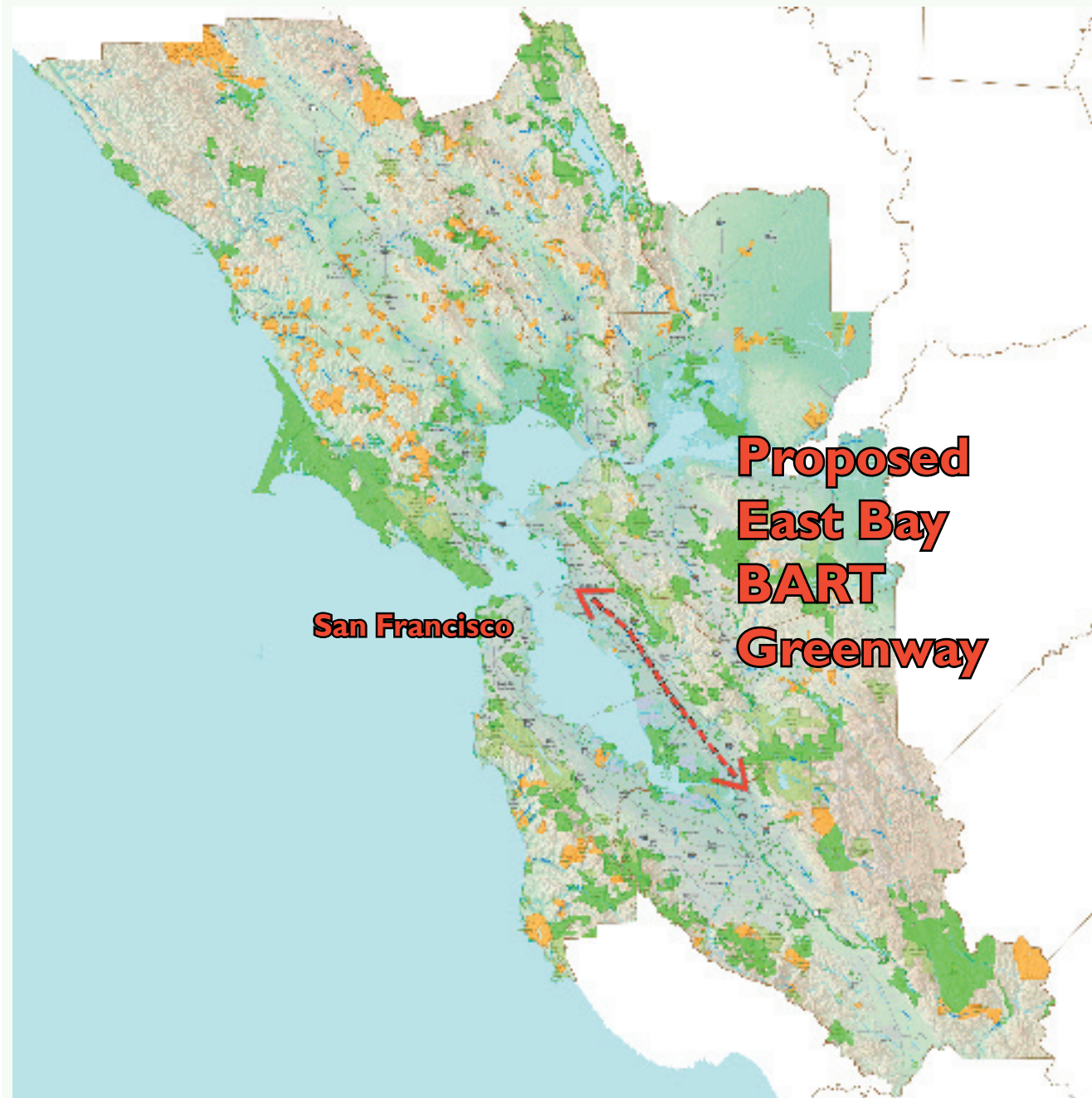


BART Elevated Tracks in Oakland - Portion of Proposed Site

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Regional Location of Proposed Greenway - Note the limited amount of natural & recreational lands along the corridor



Project Site from East Oakland to Fremont